

REMARKS

The Applicants do not believe that examination of the foregoing amendment will result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicants, respectfully, request that the above amendment be entered and that the claims to the present application, kindly, be reconsidered.

The Office Action dated January 7, 2005 has been received and considered by the Applicants. Claims 1-8 are pending in the present application for invention. Claims 1-8 are rejected by the January 7, 2005 Office Action.

The Examiner takes Official Notice of an interactive station with a function to record a television program regarding the subject matter of claims 4 and 8. The Applicants, respectfully, point that Claims 4 and 8, respectively, depend from Claims 1 and 5 and include all the subject matter of the claims from which they depend. The Applicants, respectfully, assert that recording functions within interactive stations are not well known. The Applicants request that the Examiner produce a prior art reference to substantiate the Examiner's position.

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-3, and 5-7 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,758,259 issued to Lawler (hereinafter referred to as Lawler).

The Examiner making the rejection with regard to Claim 1, states that Lawler teaches a television system comprising the subject matter defined by Claim 1. The Applicants, respectfully, point out that the present invention pertains to personal channels that are available to multiple viewers. The present invention also pertains to presenting a display allowing selection of one of many possible personal channels. Therefore, Claim 1 has been amended to more clearly define the invention. Claim 1 as amended defines subject matter for a display that presents visual indicia for a plurality of personal channels allowing selection of one of the personal channels. This subject matter is not disclosed or suggested by Lawler. Therefore, Claim 1 as amended is believed to be allowable.

Claims 2 and 3 depend from Claim 1 and further narrow and define Claim 1. Therefore, Claims 2 and 3 are believed to be allowable.

Regarding Claim 5, the Examiner states that Lawler teaches a television system comprising a display having the subject matter as defined by Claim 5. The Applicants

would like to, respectfully, point out that Claim 5 has been amended. Claim 5 as amended defines subject matter for a display that presents visual indicia for a plurality of personal channels allowing selection of one of the personal channels. This subject matter is not disclosed or suggested by Lawler. Therefore, Claim 5 as amended is believed to be allowable.

Claims 6 and 7 depend from Claim 1 and further narrow and define Claim 5. Therefore, Claims 6 and 7 are believed to be allowable.

The Office Action rejects Claims 4 and 8 under the provision of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,728,259 issued to Lawler, (hereinafter referred to as Lawler). The Examiner making the rejection with regard to Claims 4 and 8 states that Lawler teaches wherein said remote control has means controlling various functions of the interactive station. The Examiner further states that Lawler does not specifically state that one of these functions is the recording of a television program. The Examiner further states that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to equip Lawler's interactive station with a function that allowed a user to record a television program, thereby giving the remote control a means for controlling the recording of a program. The Examiner takes Official Notice of an interactive station with a function to record a television program regarding the subject matter of claims 4 and 8. The Applicants, respectfully, point that Claims 4 and 8, respectively, depend from Claims 1 and 5 and include all the subject matter of the claims from which they depend. The Applicants, respectfully, assert that recording functions within interactive stations are not well known. The Applicants request that the Examiner produce a prior art reference to substantiate the Examiner's position.

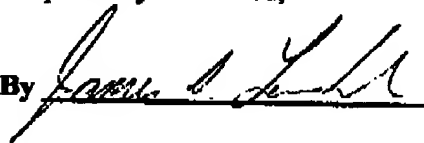
Moreover, this rejection of Claims 4 and 8 is believed to be moot in view of the foregoing amendment to Claim 1 and 5.

New Claims 9-18 have been added by the forgoing amendment that are of similar scope to Claim 1-8, as discussed above. Therefore, Claims 9-18 are believed to be allowable for the above discussed reasons related to Claims 1-8.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

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